

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 942

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the SolarD Team of The University of Texas at Austin for its outstanding achievement in the ongoing Solar Decathlon competition; and

WHEREAS, Finding ways to utilize alternative sources of energy is essential in a time of diminishing resources; the Solar Decathlon challenges university teams to design and build a solar-powered house to compete in ten events that will evaluate the ingenuity, energy efficiency and architecture of the house; and

WHEREAS, The SolarD Team is guided by the faculty and students of the School of Architecture of The University of Texas at Austin, and is constructing its house using energy-efficient technologies and sustainable building materials; and

WHEREAS, In a competition sponsored by BP Solar International, Incorporated, the team won free photovoltaic panels for its house because its design most successfully integrated the panels into the design of the house; and

WHEREAS, The SolarD Team and other competitors in the Solar Decathlon and companies like BP Solar International, Incorporated, are hastening the day solar energy is a viable alternative to traditional energy resources; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby congratulate the SolarD Team of The University of Texas at Austin for winning the BP Solar International, Incorporated, competition and extend to team members best wishes for success in the upcoming Solar Decathlon competition in Washington, D.C.; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the team as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 18, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate